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SUBJECT: MUSA SABRI ARTICLE CHIDES QADHAAFI

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1. IN WHAT IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE FIRST ARTICLE OPENLY
CRITICAL OF QADHAAFI, MUSA SABRI MAKES POINT IN JUNE 20
AKHBAR THAT " CONVULSIVE" POLITICS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY
WISE, DELIBERATE AND CONSIDERED DIPLOMACY. SABRI DOES
NOT MENTION QADHAAFI BY NAME, BUT HIS INFERENCE IS CLEAR;
" IF IS NOT ENOUGH," SABRI SAYS, " TO ANNOUNCE BOMBSHELL
MEASURES WHICH CAN CREATE A TEMPORARY POPULAR IMPACT,
THEN ADE AWAY IN THE OCEAN OF GREATER REALITIES...
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IT IS NOT ENOUGH... TO MAKE A LOT OF LOUD SPEECHES
... IT IS EASY TO SAY THAT I SHALL CHALLENGE THE SIXTH
FLEET. IT IS EASY TO REPEAT THAT I SHALL DECLARE WAR ON
AMERICA. ALL THESE ARE BACKWARD BOMBSHELLS OF SUBDUED
NOISE OR LITTLE EFFECT..." SABRI CONCLUDES WITH
CALL FOR POLICY OF " CONTINUOUS PRPARATION" TO ATTRACT
WORLD SYMPATHY AND PLACE GREAT POWERS BEFORE THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. REFTTEL NOTED THAT EGYPTIAN PRESS HAD BEEN SLOWLY BUT
DELIBERATELY PULLING VEIL FROM SEAMIER SIDE OF QADHAAFI' S
POLICIES. SABRI' S ARTICLE IS ESCALATORY AS FIRST DIRECT
CRITICISM OF LIBYAN LEADER, AND MAY BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS
AS TENSIONS OF LIBYAN/ EGYPIAN RELATIONSHIP BEGIN
TO SURFACE AS WE APPROACH SEPTEMBER 1. IT IS ALSO ANOTHER
INDICATION THAT SADAT/ QADHAAFI MEETINGS OF JUNE 10-12 DID
NOT GO WELL.
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